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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

The Honorable Jocelyn Boyd
Chief Clerk / Executive Director
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, SC 29210

Re: South Carolina Energy Freedom Act (House Bill 3659) Proceeding Related to Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for the Commission to Review the Community Solar Programs Established Pursuant to Act 236 of 2014 and to Solicit Status Information on Existing Programs from the Electrical Utility S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-41-40 (B)(1)
Docket No. 2019-210-E

South Carolina Energy Freedom Act (House Bill 3659) Proceeding Related to Duke Energy Progress, LLC for the Commission to Review the Community Solar Programs Established Pursuant to Act 236 of 2014 and to Solicit Status Information on Existing Programs from the Electrical Utility S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-41-40 (B)(1)
Docket No. 2019-211-E

Report Regarding Status of Community Solar Program Offerings

Dear Ms. Boyd:

On December 17, 2020, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (together, the "Companies") filed a request to hold the procedural schedules in the referenced dockets in abeyance while the Companies re-engaged stakeholders as related to potential community solar offerings. The Companies also committed to providing an update to the Commission as to its stakeholder engagement and a possible procedural schedule on or before February 5, 2021. That request was granted by a directive from the Chief Hearing Officer, Order No. 2020-141-H, and the Companies are providing this report consistent with the Companies' commitment.

The Companies held a stakeholder engagement meeting on January 14, 2021, which was well-attended by a diverse group of stakeholders, including representatives from the South Carolina Solar Business Alliance, the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, the South Carolina Coastal Conservation League, Upstate Forever, Vote Solar, AARP of South Carolina, Alder Energy Systems, Southern Current, Gregory Electric, the Southern Environmental Law Center, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff,



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and the South Carolina State Energy Office. The discussions were productive and included topics such as the ownership structure and power purchase requirements associated with the community solar facilities, which type of customer would be likely or willing to participate, and the potential rate impact on various types of customers.

Ultimately, stakeholders agreed that additional discussion and collaboration would be necessary and more efficient prior to engaging in formal proceedings before the Commission. Given the need for continued stakeholder engagement, the Companies believe that it would be premature to propose a procedural schedule for the dockets at this time. However, the Companies commit to providing a follow-up report on these discussions to the Commission within 60 days (i.e., on or before April 6, 2021).

Thank you for your consideration of this filing. The Companies look forward to continuing to engage stakeholders and reporting back to the Commission on or before April 6, 2021.

Kind regards,

Sam Wellborn

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